

**Senate Bill No. 988**

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Passed the Senate August 29, 2006

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Passed the Assembly August 21, 2006

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Sections 97.01 and 97.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 988, Migden. Safety Awareness Zones: Golden Gate Bridge.

Existing law makes the Department of Transportation responsible for improving and maintaining the state highway system. Existing law does not provide for the designation of a specified segment of a highway as a Safety Awareness Zone.

This bill would designate the Golden Gate Bridge as a Safety Awareness Zone, upon the satisfaction of specified requirements that the bill would also establish for a designation of a highway segment as a Safety Awareness Zone. The bill would authorize a Safety Awareness Zone to be in effect for 3 years and would authorize renewal of a Safety Awareness Zone for an additional 3 years. The bill would require the approval of the Director of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway Patrol for a 3-year renewal of the Safety Awareness Zone that is a state highway. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop and place signs to notify motorists of the presence of a Safety Awareness Zone. The bill would enact related provisions applicable to the establishment of Safety Awareness Zones.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 97.01 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

97.01. The following segments are eligible for designation as Safety Awareness Zones pursuant to Section 97.1:

(a) The Golden Gate Bridge.

SEC. 2. Section 97.1 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

97.1. (a) A highway segment shall be designated as a Safety Awareness Zone if the all the following conditions have been met:

(1) The highway segment is eligible for designation under Section 97.01.

(2) Each local governing body or bodies, with jurisdiction over the area or areas in which the eligible segment is located, has adopted a resolution indicating its support for the designation as well as a Safety Awareness Zone Plan addressing education, enforcement, and engineering measures intended to support the designation.

(3) If the highway segment is a state highway, the Safety Awareness Zone Plan has been approved by the Director of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

(b) A Safety Awareness Zone designation shall be deemed effective immediately upon satisfaction of all requirements pursuant to subdivision (a) and may remain in effect for a period not to exceed three years from the effective date. The designation may be renewed for a period not to exceed three years. Renewal of a designation for a highway segment that is a state highway shall require the approval by the Director of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway Patrol of an updated Safety Awareness Zone Plan.

(c) The department shall develop a sign to notify motorists of the presence of a Safety Awareness Zone, and shall place and maintain the signs for as long as the designation is in effect pursuant to this section.

(d) Presence of a Safety Awareness Zone does not increase the civil liability of the state or local authority having jurisdiction over the highway segment under Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code or any other provision of law relating to civil liability.

(e) Projects on a highway segment specified as a Safety Awareness Zone shall not be elevated in priority for state funding purposes.

(f) For purposes of this section, “highway” has the meaning set forth in Section 360 of the Vehicle Code.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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*Governor*